



State Representative David Scribner

Dear Friend,

As your elected Representative in Hartford, I am honored to serve you in the House of Representatives. State funding news specific to the 107th District since my last district-wide report includes:

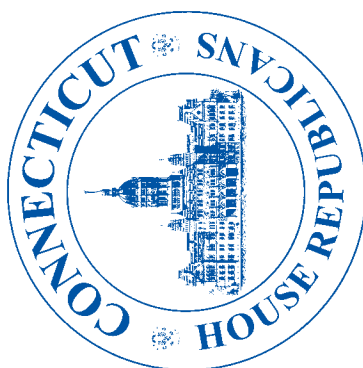
- ★ \$878,000 for renovations for the Regional YMCA of Western Connecticut's Greenknoll Branch, located on Huckleberry Hill Road in Brookfield. The funding will be used to enclose the aquatic center, which will allow it to be used year-round. The facility serves 22 towns in Western Connecticut.
- ★ \$1,189,000 to aid in the expansion of the Brookfield Senior Center. The funding will be used toward the expansion of Pocono Road facility and to purchase new computer equipment.
- ★ \$500,000 to be used to install a water line that will bring a source of potable water closer to affected Brookfield residents and serve the commercial business area in the town's Route 7/commercial corridor.
- ★ \$898,000 for the Bethel Public Library's ongoing renovation project. It will specifically offset costs of finishing the second floor of the new addition.
- ★ \$500,000 for enhancements to Bethel's downtown area and the state's purchase of additional open space property contiguous with Huntington State Park.

Sincerely,



Rep. Scribner, who serves as Ranking Member of the Legislature's Transportation Committee, discusses the 2008 Teen Driving Bill with DMV Commissioner Bob Ward (left) and fellow legislators in the House Chamber.

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2008 LEGISLATIVE REPORT



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Fighting For Your Interests...

During the 2008 legislative session, my colleagues and I worked to restrain state spending and hold down taxes to help keep families, jobs and seniors in Connecticut. I have consistently maintained that it is our responsibility as your elected officials to help make Connecticut safer and more affordable.

BUDGET: Streamlining Government; Helping Middle Class Taxpayers

- ★ In the face of economic hardship and dwindling revenues, my colleagues and I proposed to reduce state expenditures by \$163 million through voluntary early retirements.
- ★ We supported gasoline tax cuts, because many people have no choice but to drive to work.
- ★ We advocated ending a temporary nuisance tax on job-creating small business that are the backbone of our local economy.
- ★ We proposed tax credits for energy and healthcare.

EDUCATION: Learn Here, Live Here

- ★ We already voted a \$181 million increase in state school aid for 2008, which will continue with slight increases into 2009.
- ★ A new law is intended to improve school learning environments, by revising policies on in-school suspension and school bullying.
- ★ We proposed an innovative way for graduates to save for their first home and raise their families in Connecticut by banking their state income tax payments for up to 10 years.

SECURITY: Safety for Families, Children

- ★ We pushed for stronger penalties on repeat violent offenders. New legislation doubles and triples sentences for persistent dangerous felons.

It falls short of a Three Strikes law to impose life in prison for persons convicted of three violent offenses such as murder, rape, arson and home invasion.

SENIORS: Home Care for the Elderly

- ★ An important new law allows up to 5,000 Connecticut elderly and disabled the ability to receive long-term care in their homes without having to go into a nursing home. This is more desirable and more cost effective.
- ★ We proposed exempting pensions from state income taxes to keep retirees in Connecticut.

VETERANS: Recognizing their Service

- ★ A number of benefits to veterans will be improved, and Gold Star license plates will be issued free of charge to family members to honor those who have fallen in the line of duty. "Support our Troops" plates also will be issued.



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